

Chambers of District Judge Melinda Harmon

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Melinda Harmon
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD
Began Service: 1989
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

Legal Practice: Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

Current Memberships: Houston Bar Association; Texas Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Nancy Benjamin** (713) 250-5194
Education: Smith 1965 BA; NYU 1966 MA;
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John D. Rainey
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Southern Methodist 1967 BBA, 1972 JD
Began Service: May 28, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 149th Judicial District (1987-1990)

Legal Practice: Taylor, Mizell, Price, Corrigan & Smith (1973-1979); Partner, Gilbert, Gilbert & Rainey (1979-1982); Partner, Rainey & LeBocuf (1982-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1969-1970)

Current Memberships: State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation; Victoria County Bar Association

Chambers of District Judge Samuel B. Kent

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Samuel B. Kent
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Texas 1971 BA, 1975 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams (1975-1990)

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Lee H. Rosenthal
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Chicago 1974 BA, 1977 JD
Began Service: 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Baker & Botts (1978-1992)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Inns of Court; American Law Institute, Committee on Transnational Rules of Civil Procedure; Federal Judicial Center, Board of Editors, Manual for Complex Litigation; Federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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Janis Graham Jack
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Baltimore 1974 BA; South Texas 1981 JD
Began Service: March 14, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Member, Corpus Christi Board of Equalization

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1981-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States, Judicial Member; National Association of Women Judges; Philosophical Society of Texas; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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Vanessa D. Gilmore
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: Hampton 1977 BS; Houston 1981 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston

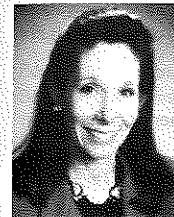
Legal Practice: Associate, Vickery & Kilbride (1981-1985); Associate, Sue Schechter & Associates (1985-1986); Partner, Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery (1986-1994)

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Nancy Friedman Atlas
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Tufts 1971 BS; NYU 1974 JD
Began Service: August 22, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Dudley Bonsal, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1974-1976)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Civil Division, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Webster & Sheffield (1976-1978); Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1982-1995); Shareholder, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1986-1995); Director, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1994-1995)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association Section of Litigation; American Bar Foundation; American Law Institute; Association of Attorney-Mediators, Inc.; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation; National Association of Women Judges; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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Hilda G. Tagle
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: East Texas State BA; North Texas State MLS; Texas JD
Began Service: March 27, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant City Attorney, City of Corpus Cristi, Texas (1977-1978); Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Nueces, Texas (1978-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Nueces, Texas (1980-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 148th District, Nueces County; Judge, Nueces County Court at Law No. 3

Staff

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Keith Paty Ellison
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Harvard 1972 AB;
Oxford (UK) 1974 BA; Yale 1976 JD
Began Service: August 2, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1976-1977); Law Clerk The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Conner & Winters (1978-1984); Partner, Mayor, Day & Caldwell (1985-1986); Partner, Baker & Botts, LLP (1986-1994); Of Counsel, Caddell & Conwell (1994-1996); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Keith P. Ellison (1996-1999)

Current Memberships: American Association of Rhodes Scholars; American Bankruptcy Institute; American-South African Scholarship Association, Director; American Law Institute; Council on Foreign Relations; Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas, Board of Directors; Harry A. Blackmun Scholarship Foundation, Board of Directors; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Webb County Bar Association

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